ABSOLUTE RATING: Average IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 16.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to good.

#### **Definitions of District Rating Terms**

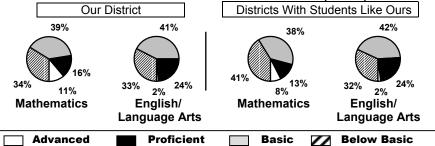
**Excellent**- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good**- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. **Average**- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average**- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory**- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

#### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFO	RMANCE BY S	TUDENT GROUPS		
			Percent	of
	Percent of		Students	Scoring
	Seniors	Percent of Seniors	Basic or	
	Passing the	Qualifying for LIFE		
Student Group	Exit Exam	Scholarships	ELA	Math
All Students	92.1%	20.9%	67.4%	66.1%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	72.7%	0.0%	32.3%	32.7%
Students without disabilities	94.0%	22.5%	71.5%	69.9%
Gender				
Male	94.2%	18.8%	63.4%	65.7%
Female	90.4%	22.4%	72.8%	67.5%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	85.3%	5.8%	51.6%	50.1%
Hispanic	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A
White	97.1%	32.5%	80.2%	79%
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	88.7%	6.0%	59.4%	57.7%
Pay for Lunch	95.0%	29.3%	79.9%	79.1%

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees					
	1999	2000	2001			
Our district						
Passed all 3 subtests	59.5%	60.4%	65.4%			
Passed 2 subtests	22.8%	21.2%	17.3%			
Passed 1 subtest	10.0%	8.6%	10.7%			
Passed no subtest	7.7%	9.9%	6.6%			
Districts with students like ours						
Passed all 3 subtests	59.4%	62.5%	65.1%			
Passed 2 subtests	19.5%	19.3%	17.8%			
Passed 1 subtest	12.7%	11.2%	10.1%			
Passed no subtest	8.4%	7.0%	7.0%			

#### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

		Percent of Seniors	
		Meeting Grade Point	Meeting SAT/ACT
	Eligible	Average Requirement	Requirement
Our District	20.9%	35.7%	20.9%
Districts Like Ours	17.7%	46.2%	18.9%

## **College Admissions Tests:** Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT	SAT	SAT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT
	Verbal	Math	Total	English	Math	Reading	Science	Total
	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001
District	471 465	479 464	950 929	17.6 18.0	18.4 18.2	20.1 18.6	18.8 17.8	18.9 18.3
State	484 486	482 488	966 974	18.7 18.8	19.2 19.3	19.5 19.5	19.2 19.2	19.3 19.3
Nation	505 506	514 514	1019 1020	20.5 20.5	20.7 20.7	21.4 21.3	21.0 21.0	21.0 21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

### **Terra Nova Test:** A national, norm-referenced achievement test. Percent scoring in upper half

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	Reading		Language		M	Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	
Grade 4	47.8	50.0.	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0	
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0	
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0	

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

#### Percents of Students

			Adva	anced	Prof	icient	Ba	asic	Belov	v Basic
Test	Grade	Year	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

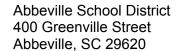
# DISTRICT PROFILE INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

			With	
	This District	Change from Last Year	Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
Dollars per student	\$6,169	N/A	\$6,405	\$6,464
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 89.5%	89.3%	89.4%
<ul> <li>Student-teacher ratio</li> </ul>	18.8 to 1	N/A	19.5 to 1	20.2 to 1
<ul> <li>Vacancies for more than nine weeks</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	1%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=4,120)				
Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	20%	N/A	42.6%	43.8%
Attendance Rate	95.6%	Down from 96.2%	95.4%	95.7%
<ul> <li>Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	3.2%	N/A	5.4%	5.8%
Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	2.8%	N/A	4.8%	4.5%
Retention rate	5.8%	Up from 4.6%	6%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=285)				
<ul> <li>Professional development days per teacher</li> </ul>	6.8 Days	Down from 7.1	7.2 Days	7.8 Days
<ul> <li>Attendance rate</li> </ul>	94.7%	Up from 94.4%	95.2%	95.2%
Advanced Degrees	41.1%	Down from 43.9%	44.1%	44.4%
<ul> <li>Continuing contracts</li> </ul>	83.2%	Down from 85.9%	81.3%	81.4%
Out-of-field permits	1.1%	Down from 2.8%	1.9%	2.2%
<ul> <li>Teachers returning from the previous year</li> </ul>	89.1%	Down from 90.5%	89.2%	89.5%
Average salary	\$36,462	Up 3.3%	\$36,363	\$37,143

Districts

#### DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
Annual dropout rate	3%	Up from 1.3%	3.3%	2.9%
<ul> <li>Percentage spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	52.5%	N/A	50.2%	50.9%
<ul> <li>Superintendent's years in the district</li> </ul>	12	N/A	2	3.5
Parent conferences	75.8%	N/A	81%	81.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<ul> <li>Number of schools</li> </ul>	10	No change	10	8
<ul> <li>Number of alternative schools</li> </ul>	0	No change	0	0
<ul> <li>Number of charter schools</li> </ul>	0	No change	0	0
<ul> <li>Number of magnet schools</li> </ul>	0	N/A	0	0
<ul> <li>Portable classrooms</li> </ul>	8%	N/A	11.5%	6.5%
<ul> <li>Attendance rate of district office staff</li> </ul>	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	96.7%	97.5%
Average administrative salary	\$56,825	Up 7.9%	\$61,690	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suspensions and expulsions	101	N/A	85	100
Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	4.9%	No change	9.9%	10.5%
Percentage with disabilities other than speech	10.6%	Up from 10%	10.9%	10.5%





Grades K-12

Enrollment: 4,120 Students

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#### THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual District Report Card 2001

#### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This has been a great year for the Abbeville County School District! Our teachers have been committed to providing a quality education to all students. Principals have been focused on students receiving high academic instruction. All support staff: custodians, bus drivers, food service personnel, as well as directors at the district office, have been committed to supporting all positive efforts made by teachers across the district.

Abbeville County School District has had many successes in the 2000-2001 school year. Academics have flourished especially in our distance-learning program, as well as on the job training in the technology department. Students have been exposed to a number of positive experiences. We have triumphed in athletics as well with many teams participating in state championship playoffs and games. Public service has been a focus in many schools and this has fostered good citizenship and responsibility character traits in our students.

Our schools have been meeting the future using technology and the resources it provided including the Internet. We have shared information with schools within our district as well as the state, nation, and world. It is our aim to be a world-class school system.

We have been making great strides to constantly advance in the name of our most precious commodity—students. Our mission in Abbeville County is to provide standards driven instruction, which has allowed our students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. We have worked hard in the areas of instruction, facilities, and human resources. We are driven to prepare our students for a high quality of life.

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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